

COUNTRY	East Germany	CLASSIFICATION	SECRET	25X1 25X1
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TOPIC	VP Trains and Soviet Troop Trains			
EVALUATION	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED		
DATE OF CONTENT	10 to 23 March 1953		25X1	
DATE OBTAINED		25X1	DATE PREPARED 2 April 1953	
REFERENCES				
PAGES	4	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)		
REMARKS	The 1st, 3rd and 6th Shipments in paragraph 4 were previously reported [redacted] 25X1A			

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1. VP trains from Grossenhain identified from railroad records between 10 and 15 March 1953 included:

	<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Shipment</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>
25X1	10	50 VP personnel	Oranienburg
	13	30 VP personnel	Loebau
		30 VP personnel	Leipzig
	15	50 VP personnel	Oranienburg

2. On 14 March, a troop train of 8 converted boxcars, 4 boxcars and 16 flatcars went from Cottbus, [redacted] to Jueterbog. The train carried 3 T-34 tanks and about 12 trucks loaded with artillery pieces and mortars.

3. The following troop trains were listed in railroad records or observed

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<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
19	84 axles	Dallgow- Doeberitz	Forst Zinna
20	21 boxcars and 37 flatcars with trucks and eight rocket launchers	Forst Zinna	Potsdam
	11 boxcars, 35 flatcars and 5 SS-type flatcars with trucks and 5 x 15.2-mm field howitzers	Jueterbog- Altes Lager	Wildpark
	6 boxcars and 43 flatcars with 4 armored scout cars, 3 signal trucks and an undetermined number of trucks, including	Luckenwalde	Potsdam
21	14 boxcars and 46 flatcars with trucks and six field guns	Dallgow- Doeberitz	Luckenwalde
	21 boxcars and 27 flatcars with trucks	Wustermark	Jueterbog- Altes Lager
	8 boxcars and 30 flatcars with trucks and model 37 howitzers	Wustermark	Forst Zinna
	12 boxcars and 34 flatcars with five AT guns, searchlights and trucks	Dallgow- Doeberitz	Forst Zinna

4. Troop trains identified from railroad records on 22 and 23 March included:

<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
22	7 boxcars and 30 flatcars	Altengrabow	Rathenow

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	6 converted boxcars, Neustrelitz	Dallgow-
	7 boxcars and	Doerberitz
	11 converted boxcars, Altengrabow	Rathenow
	1 boxcar and	
	40 flatcars	
23	9 boxcars and Rathenow	Altengrabow
	30 flatcars; empty	
	9 converted boxcars, Altengrabow	Dallgow-
	2 boxcars and	Doerberitz
	33 flatcars	
	12 converted boxcars, Altengrabow	Rathenow
	1 boxcar and	
	33 flatcars	

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The VP train with [REDACTED] probably was previously observed. See [REDACTED]. Other VP shipments to Oranienburg and their unloading have also been previously reported. See [REDACTED]. The VP train [REDACTED] continues the movements from Grossenhain to Oranienburg. VP shipments from Oranienburg to Loebau were previously reported. See [REDACTED].

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The [REDACTED] indicate that the train carried troops of the 9th Mecz Div. According to previous observations in [REDACTED] these troops possibly belong to the 441st Gds RL Bn of the 9th Mecz Div.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop train carried an element of the 283rd (?) How Arty Regt of the 1st Mecz Div and was confirmed [REDACTED]. See [REDACTED].

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. This troop train has been reported [REDACTED] with Potsdam as receiving station and [REDACTED] as going to Doerberitz. See [REDACTED].

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop trains of the 34th Arty Div (US) which have been repeatedly confirmed. See [REDACTED].

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6. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably troop trains of the 1st Mecz Div or 2nd Light Arty Brig (US) of the Second Gds Mecz Army.

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7. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop train [REDACTED] was confirmed [REDACTED]. See [REDACTED]. The three troop trains from Altengrabow to Rathenow probably carried elements of the 18th How Arty Brig (US) of the 6th Arty Div which returned to their home station after firing practices at the Altengrabow troop

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training grounds. On 23 and 24 March 1953, three other troop trains with elements of the 124th Hvy How Arty Brig also returned from Altengrabow.

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8. Comment. On 19 March 1953, the troop train was observed returning to Neustrelitz with a tank detail of the 1st Meck Div loaded on 10 boxcars and 8 flatcars. See

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9. Comment. Possibly a troop train of the 2nd Light Arty Brig. See the troop trains

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